

**MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD  
EARLY LEARNING CENTER  
2011 MARCH NEWSLETTER**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

WED. MARCH 2 <sup>nd</sup>	DR. SEUSS B-DAY CELEBRATION (no lunch needed!)
WED. MARCH 9 <sup>th</sup>	ASH WEDNESDAY MASS/BOOK ORDER DUE
SAT. MARCH 12 <sup>th</sup>	PARENT'S NIGHT OUT – MPB 50 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY
THURS. MARCH 17 <sup>th</sup>	HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT**

**The March Parent's Night Out has been changed from March 4<sup>th</sup> to March 12<sup>th</sup> due to MPB's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party.** The PNO list will be posted on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that we have a current phone number in case of an emergency. Payment is due in cash to the teachers working that evening. Last but not least, we really appreciate the tips!

**SPRING BREAK SIGN-UP SHEETS**

The "Big School" will be closed for spring break March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>. Each of our classrooms will have a sign-up sheet for the week so that we can plan the week with our staff. Please sign your child up for the days that they will be attending school. Thanks!

**SICK CHILD POLICY**

You may have noticed that we have had many teachers out sick the past few weeks. This past Tuesday we had three teachers call in sick. This is one quarter of our daily staff! We have been sending children home with deep coughs, fevers, vomiting, and diarrhea. The illness policy on page 7 of our parent handbook states: "Each child is screened upon arrival by the teachers for any potential health problems. If a child becomes ill at the center, they will be isolated from the other children and the parent contacted. Be prepared to pick up your child immediately. **Should your child be sent home from the center ill he/she is not permitted to attend the next day.**" We will continue to enforce this policy to try to keep illness from spreading and protect the children and the staff. If you would like another copy of our parent handbook please contact the front office.

**DONATIONS**

In March we will be adding a "Donations Wanted" list to the parent board. If you have any items on the list please let us know. At this point in time we need a VCR for the School-Age Classroom, and we would love to have more Lincoln Logs for the Kindergarten classroom. Please check in with the front office if you can help us out with either item. Thank you in advance!

**HALF DAY PICK-UP**

Please be aware that the teachers are trying to get the preschool children to sleep by 1:00. Sometimes it can get very loud in the hallway and entryway around pick-up time. It can be very distracting for the children who are trying to fall asleep. We appreciate your help with this matter.

## CLASSROOM NEWS!

### Room 1

A big thank you to all of the parents who brought in goodies for our Valentine's Day Party! In March we will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday, and St. Patrick's Day. We will be going to mass on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, for Ash Wednesday. We will also be working on the letters R, S, and T, our birthdays, our last names, and signs of spring.

Ms. Colleen and Ms. Karrie

### Room2

We have been very busy since January. Most of the children know the alphabet, colors, shapes, and numbers, and how to zip their coats! If you have time you can review them at home with some flash cards. In March we will be learning the letters R, S, & T, the color green, and the diamond shape. On Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday! Wear your P.J.'s. We will be serving green eggs and ham for lunch. Mass day is on Ash Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8am. Please be on time as this is usually a full house. In March we will also be learning about spring and new life. The year is flying by!

Ms. Regina & Ms. Cristi

### Room3

The school year is flying by for the Pre-Ker's in room 3. The children are growing and learning by leaps and bounds. It is amazing how much they have changed since the beginning of the year. During February we have been talking about being kind, and helpful to all of our friends, tying that into Valentine's Day. We celebrated Chinese New Year and President's Day with some fun activities. We have also touched on hibernating and animals, ending that unit with our fieldtrip to Wildlife Experience. Other than that we have been working on recognizing and writing our last names as we continue to study our letters and numbers. We had a great time with our Book Buddies at our 100<sup>th</sup> Day Party. In March we will focus on St. Patrick's Day, spring and the letters P, Q, and R. We will also work on learning our phone numbers and addresses. And who could forget our celebration for Dr. Seuss' birthday! Keep up the good work with the homework but don't forget to put your name on it.

Ms. Tracee, Ms. Agnes, Ms. Karrie, Ms. Barb and Ms. Charley

### Room 4

We hope everyone's New Year has gotten off to a great start! January and February came and went very quickly. We have been learning about winter and how animals survive the cold weather. We discovered what happens to water when it's cold, and when it's warm! Pre-K evaluations went very well. We made friendship chains and we talked about Martin Luther King Jr. We were surprised when the ground hog did not see his shadow and hope he is right about spring coming. Valentine's Day was great! The kids enjoyed handing out their cards. Our trip to the post office helped us understand where mail goes and comes from. We hope our parents got our Post Cards.

At the present time we are learning about our past and present President's. We have learned some very interesting things about the leaders of our country.

Since February is National Dental Hygiene awareness month we had a guest speaker talk with us about the importance of proper tooth brushing. Spring is just around the corner. Thanks for all of your support!

Ms. Joanne and Ms. Lauren